Pending labour disputes

† 1000. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of labour disputes pending or under consideration in labour courts in the country, particularly in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) whether it is a fact that the main reasons for a large number of pending labour disputes is due to inadequate number of Industrial Tribunals and Labour courts in the country;

(c) if so, the action taken so far, by Government to increase the number of Industrial Tribunals and Labour Courts;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether Government would give instructions to the labour courts to settle cases within a stipulated time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) There is no Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Court in Chhattisgarh.The details of pending cases and applications in the 17 Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(b) to (d) The pendency of industrial disputes depends on many factors other than number of Courts. However, the Government is taking appropriate steps from time to time to reduce pendency in. the Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts. Proposal to set up five more Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts has also been approved.

(e) Central Government Industrial Tribunal-cum-Labour Courts are quasi-judicial bodies and, therefore, decide their mode of functioning. However, Industrial Disputes Act, 1947 provides that the cases relating to individual workman should be disposed of within a period not exceeding 3 months.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Statement

Pending industrial dispute cases & applications in the Central Government Industrial Tribunal~cum-Labour Courts up to October, 2002

SI. No.	Name of the CGITs	Pending Industrial Disputes Cases u/s10	Pending Applications u/s 33, 33A, 33(c)2, 36A & Misc. Applications
1.	Mumbai-I	191	63
2.	Mumbai-ll	326	460
3.	Dhanbad-I	1751	375
4.	Dhanbad-ll	1382	57
5.	Kolkata	165	158
6.	Chandigarh	1774	314
7.	New Delhi	1132	283
8.	Kanpur	612	514
9.	Jabalpur*	1237	543
10.	Asansol	422	69
11.	Bangalore	332	106
12.	Jaipur	83	134
13.	Lucknow	379	31
14.	Nagpur	388	00
15.	Chennai	372	55
16.	Bhubaneswar	347	74
17.	Hyderabad	515	650
	TOTAL:	11,408	3,886

*Figures upto February, 2002